



## GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

First Peoples' Language/Culture Certification Pilot Program



In the spirit and intent of the 1989 Centennial Accord entered into between the State of Washington and the sovereign Tribal Governments of Washington State, the Washington State Board of Education adopted WAC 180-78A-700, the First Peoples' Language/Culture Teacher Certification three-year pilot program.

In accordance with WAC 180-78A-700, the Nooksack Indian Tribe will certify qualified language/culture teachers in the following language(s)/dialect(s): Halq'eylem, Lhechelesem, and Lushootseed.. For each individual, the Nooksack Indian Tribe will provide to the State Board of Education the required information and documentation for each individual desiring to participate in a project under the pilot program.

Accordingly, the Washington State Board of Education will direct the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a First Peoples' Language/Culture Teacher Certificate to individuals thus tribally certified and State Board of Education verified. For anyone who holds a current Washington State initial or residency certificate, the tribal certification will serve as an endorsement in First Peoples' language/culture.

We, the undersigned, agree to uphold this government-to-government agreement, this

20 day of June, 2003.

*No. A.*  
Tribal Chairman

*Cynthia A. Frank*  
State Board of Education Official

6-20-2003  
Date

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